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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OF BULGARIA REQUESTS INTERVIEW WITH
PRESIDENT FORD AT HELSINKI

REF.: SOFIA 1513

1. WE REGRET VERY MUCH THAT PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE DURING
HIS STAY AT HELSINKI IS EXTREMELY FULL, AND WE DOUBT THAT
HE WILL HAVE ANY TIME AVAILABLE TO SEE PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV
FOR A BILATERAL MEETING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BULGARIAN
REQUEST IS FOR ONLY A SHORT GET-ACQUAINTED MEETING, BUT UN-
FORTUNATELY WE CANNOT BE OPTIMISTIC.

2. HOWEVER, SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS AGREED TO SEE FOREIGN
MINISTER MLADENOV IN HELSINKI. YOU SHOULD ASK THE FOREIGN
MINISTER IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ABSENT HIMSELF FOR A FEW
MINUTES FOR THIS PURPOSE AT SOME POINT DURING THE SPEECHES
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OF THE DANISH AND BELGIAN DELEGATIONS, NOW SCHEDULED FOR

AROUND 1615 ON JULY 31. MEETING WOULD BE AT CONFERENCE SITE.

3. IN PASSING ON PRESIDENT'S TURN-DOWN YOU MIGHT REPEAT THE LINE YOU TOOK WITH KARAZHOV TO THE EFFECT THAT THIS BY NO MEANS SIGNIFIES LACK OF INTEREST OR DESIRE OF PRESIDENT TO SEE ZHIVKOV. YOU MIGHT ADD THAT PRESIDENT WILL ALSO NOT

LIKELY HAVE BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH HEADS OF STATE OF EAST GERMANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND HUNGARY IN HELSINKI.

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